

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

MICHAEL SALAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
SECURITY,

Defendant.

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CASE NO. 1:11-CV-1511

OPINION & ORDER
[Resolving Doc. No. [1](#)]

JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

On July 22, 2011, Plaintiff Michael Salas filed a complaint seeking judicial review of the Defendant Commissioner of Social Security's decision to deny him disability benefits. [Doc. [1](#).] The Court referred Salas's complaint to Magistrate Judge James R. Knepp II for a Report and Recommendation. On July 26, 2012, Magistrate Judge Knepp recommended that this Court affirm the Commissioner's decision. [Doc. [19](#).]

The Federal Magistrates Act requires a district court to conduct a *de novo* review only of those portions of a Report and Recommendation to which the parties have made an objection. [28 U.S.C. § 636\(b\)\(1\)\(C\)](#). Parties must file any objections to a Report and Recommendation within fourteen days of service. [Id.](#); [Fed. R. Civ. P. 72\(b\)\(2\)](#). Failure to object within this time waives a party's right to appeal the Magistrate Judge's report. [Thomas v. Arn](#), 474 U.S. 140, 145 (1985); [United States v. Walters](#), 638 F.2d 947, 949-50 (6th Cir. 1981). Absent objection, a district court

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may adopt the Magistrate Judge's report without review. *See Thomas, 474 U.S. at 149.*

In this case, neither party has objected to Magistrate Judge Knepp's recommendation. In addition, the Court has independently reviewed, and agrees with, that recommendation. Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** Magistrate Judge Knepp's Report and Recommendation and **DISMISSES** Salas's complaint.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 10, 2012

s/ *James S. Gwin*
JAMES S. GWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE